

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good evening all, many thanks for coming this evening.

As you may be aware it has been a very difficult 2 years, as all but 3 of the previous committee stood down at the last AGM held in 2015. We, as the new committee, have done our best over these 2 years to maintain a 'status quo' to keep the club running and financially viable. It has not been easy; especially as very early on we were informed by England Athletics that a large number of the previous committee had resigned from the club itself and not just the committee but they would not inform us who or how many. This caused significant logistical problems which caused a delay in tracking down financial information, previous minutes of committee meetings, etc.

Despite these difficulties, we as a club have had a lot of successes with 6 of our athletes selected to compete at the World Athletics Championships in Summer 2017

Also, we as a club have continued to compete in all age competitions; we have not had the best results from these competitions but needless to say all athletes were provided with competition no matter what age they were. There seems to have been a slight lack of support from various age groups but we hope there may have been transitional reasons for this and going forward things may improve on that front.

I would like to personally thank all team managers & volunteers who as always have tirelessly given up their time to support the various teams over the last two years. I know it's not easy as I have had first hand experience with managing the Middlesex Young Athletes this season. I would also like to thank the athletes themselves who supported the club by competing for us. I do believe that the club is moving onwards and upwards again after the trials & tribulations there have been over the past two years and I hope this will show through in seasons to come as we have more and more success in all age categories. The unending dedication shown by our club trainers is also something to be applauded as they turn out week in week out to coach all our athletes and we hope they too will continue to support us in providing athletes to compete for all our various leagues we choose to compete in. Once again our officials have given immense support to us during the season, especially

Derek Maddams who was always out and often on both days of the weekend at different league meetings, come rain or shine and to Sean Pender who drove a minibus for us to some meetings thus bringing down costs of attending meetings. Without the efforts of our officials we once again could not manage to take part in all competitions with the requirement on clubs to provide a certain number of officials.

I hope that we can continue to attract volunteers/team managers to come forward as without the help & support of club members in getting involved there will be no opportunities for our athletes to compete.

Thank you and I will now hand over to the Club Secretary to give you his report.